



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Monday, November 24, 2014

1:00 PM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P5979/RV-14-784** **Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Oberlander; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: The Company did not file reply comments. Staff supports the Department's recommendation to revoke the Company's authority.

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-24-14](#)

Revoked certificate of authority

2. * **P3113/RV-14-785** **Telecare, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Telecare, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Oberlander; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: The Company did not file reply comments. Staff supports the Department's recommendation to revoke the Company's authority.

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-20-14](#)

Revoked certificate of authority

3. * **P6638/RV-14-786** **STi Prepaid, LLC**
In the Matter of the Revocation of STi Prepaid, LLC's Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Oberlander; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: The Company did not file reply comments. Staff supports the Department's recommendation to revoke the Company's authority.

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-20-14](#)

Revoked certificate of authority

4. * **PULLED**
~~P5643,551/IC-14-778;~~ CenturyLink Communications;
~~P5643,430/IC-14-779;~~ CenturyTel of Minnesota;

~~P5096,551/IC-14-794~~ **Embarq Minnesota;
Integra Telecom of Minnesota**

In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interim Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc;

In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interim Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between Embarq Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc;

In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyLink Communications, LLC.

Should the Commission approve or reject the proposed Interconnection Agreements (ICA)? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Item withdrawn

5. * **P421/AM-14-775** **Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC;
Dex Media East, Inc.**

In the Matter of a Joint Petition by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Dex Media East, Inc., Pursuant to Minn. State. § 237.081 Subd. 1, for a Variance of Rules 7810.2900 and 7812.0600 Requiring Distribution of a Printed Residential White Pages Directory to All Customers Served in Minnesota.

1. What action should the Commission take regarding the granting of the request for variance from these rules requiring distribution of a printed residential white pages directory?
2. If the petition is approved, what, if any, conditions should be required?
3. If the petition is approved, what, if any, variance should be granted to competitive service providers? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted variances with conditions

6. * **IP6846/WS-10-798** **Trishe Wind Minnesota, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Lake County Wind Energy, LLC for a 41 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties.

Should the Commission approve the petition for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System site permit transfer from Lake Country Wind Energy, LLC to Trishe Wind Minnesota, LLC? (PUC: **Ham**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Permit Amendment - Redlined](#)
[Permit Amendment - Clean](#)

Approved transfer of site permit; authorized issuance of amended permit

- 7. * **ET2,E015/TL-10-1307 Great River Energy**
 In the Matter of Great River Energy’s Application for a Route Permit for the Savanna 115 kV Transmission Line in St. Louis and Carlton Counties, Minnesota.

 Should the Commission approve the alignment deviation from the permitted route? (PUC: **Ham**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved alignment deviation

- 8. * **E015/CN-14-787 Great River Energy**
 In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Hubbard, Wadena and Becker Counties, Minnesota.

 Should the Commission approve the proposed notice plan?
 Should the Commission approve the exemption request? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Revised Decision Options](#)

Approved notice plan as modified by EERA; approved variances; granted exemptions subject to provision of alternative data

- 9. * **E6928/GS-14-515 Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC**
 In the Matter of the Site Permit Application for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Energy Project at Multiple Facilities in Minnesota.

 What action should the Commission take regarding solar site alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental assessment?
 Should the Commission vary Minn. R. 7850.3700, subp. 3? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted variance

- 10. **E017/M-14-647 Otter Tail Power Company**

Request by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to its Environmental Upgrades Cost Recovery Rider, Rate Schedule 13.08. (PUC: Kaml; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Commens 10-17-14](#)

Approved ECR Rider rate

11. * **E,G999/CI-00-1343;** **Xcel Energy;**
E999/CI-01-1127 **Minnesota Power;**
Otter Tail Power Company;
Interstate Power and Light Company;
Dakota Electric Association

In the Matter of an Investigation into Disclosure of Environmental Information to Utility Customers;

In the Matter of an Investigation into Informing Customers of the Costs of Generation and Delivery of Electricity.

Should the Commission find that the environmental disclosure and generation and delivery cost information compliance filings made by the five regulated electric utilities are in general compliance with the Commission's January 7, 2011 and February 2, 2012 Orders, in the above-cited dockets?

Should the Commission delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to approve the environmental disclosure and cost of generation and delivery information filed annually in accordance with the Commission's January 7, 2011 and February 2, 2012 Orders, in the above-cited dockets? (PUC: **Mackenzie, Rebholz**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Found compliance filings in compliance with prior orders; delegate authority to Executive Secretary to approve annual filings

12. ** **ET6675/CI-11-1178;** **ITC Midwest LLC;**
E001/PA-07-540 **Interstate Power & Light Company**

In the Matter of ITC Midwest LLC Compliance with Commitments in Docket E001/PA-07-540 to Improve the Transmission System and Relieve Constraints;

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of Transfer of Transmission Assets of Interstate Power and Light Company to ITC Midwest LLC.

Whether the Commission should confirm that the financial penalties provided for in the Commission's February 7, 2008 Order do not apply; and

Whether the Commission should take any other actions? (PUC: **Bahn**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Found Company has met construction commitments; found financial penalties do not apply; required transmission report by 11-1-2015

13. * **G011/M-08-1328; Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
G007/M-08-1329;
G011/M-08-1330;
G011/M-08-1331**

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Northern Natural) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008.

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008.

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Great Lakes) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008.

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Viking) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008.

Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements as described in the listed dockets, effective November 1, 2008? (PUC: **Brill, Harding**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers 08-1328-1331](#)

Approved requests for pipeline, capacity, and cost changes w/o endorsing design-day study

14. * **G-007/M-09-1282; Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
(MERC)
G-011/M-09-1283;
G-011/M-09-1284;
G-011/M-09-1285**

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG GLGT) for Approval of Changes in Contract

Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009;
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG NNG) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009;
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Attachments: [Briefing Papers 09-1382 - 1285](#)

Approved requests for pipeline, capacity, and cost changes with conditions

15. ** **G011/M-14-369** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of MERC's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.
1. Should the Commission approve MERC's 2013 CIP tracker account?
 2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$2,492,730 for MERC'S 2013 CIP achievements?
 3. At what level should the Commission set the conservation cost recovery adjustment (CCRA) for 2014/2015?
 4. Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed bill message with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and gas CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission?
 5. Should the Commission find that MERC has complied with the Commission's Order in Docket No. G011/M-13-369 regarding the filing of conservation cost repayment adjustment schedules?
 6. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to MERC's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?
(PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved 2013 CIP financial incentives and CIP tracker account. Set CCRA for 2013/2014. Delegated authority to approve customer notices to the Executive Secretary. Found compliance with order in docket 13-369. Set carrying charge at cost of short-term debt

ADJOURNMENT

* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.

** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets